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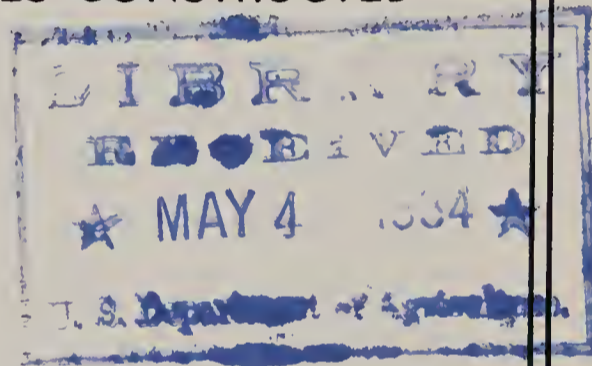
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WATERLILIES
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POOLS CONSTRUCTED

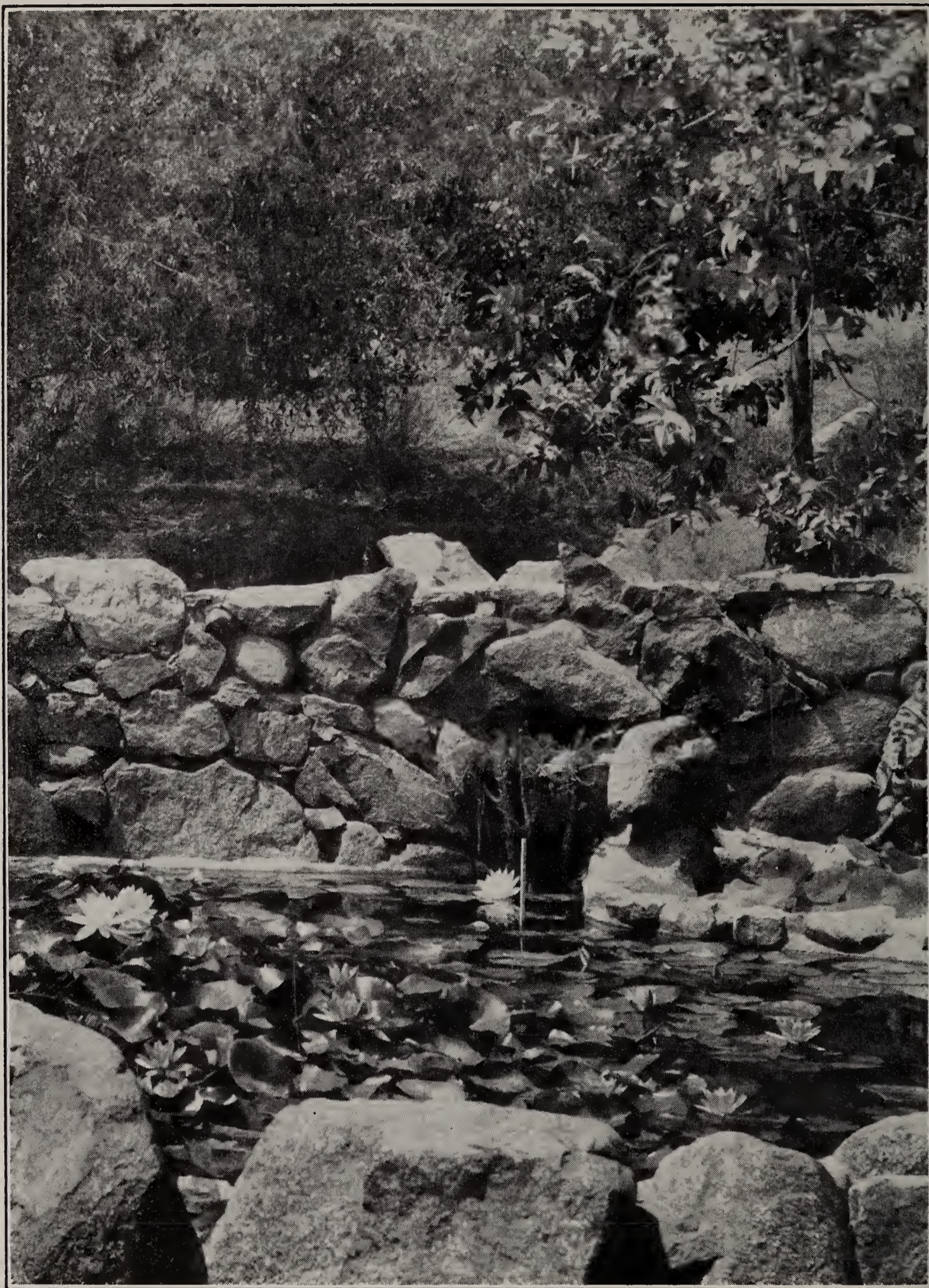


California Grown Lilies
are Hardier

VAN NESS WATER GARDENS

North Euclid Avenue between 24th and 25th
UPLAND (San Antonio Heights) CALIFORNIA

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An Informal Pool of Unusual Beauty

This picture was taken in the back yard of a very modest home and is the work of the menfolk. Imagine the downright fun this family got out of building it and the real pleasure and joy that is in store for them.

It's Easy to Build Your Own Pool

Location

The pool should be exposed to full sun. Lilies will not bloom without sun for at least part of the day. The pool should be from 18 inches to 2 feet in depth.

A very easy and inexpensive pool may be made by first tracing out on the ground the size and shape of the pool you desire; this may be done by using a garden hose to outline an informal pool; our advice being to make pool as large as your space will permit, as you will find so many plants you will want room for.

For a front yard the formal pool will best fill the requirements of good design, but for a back yard pool the informal pool works in beautifully with rock gardens and is much easier to construct, needing no forms.

For an informal pool, after deciding on size and shape, dig out soil to a depth of 2 feet and level off; shave walls off as near perpendicular as possible, then place re-inforcing on floor and up the sides, using heavy fencing wire.

The concrete should be poured continuously, so there will be no joints, and as it is poured the reinforcing should be pulled up to the center of the cement, thus making the pool stronger and less apt to crack.

Where heavy freezing is expected the concrete should be six inches thick. In mild climates a three-inch cement is ample. As cement is poured it should be well tamped to take out any porous places and thus insure yourself of a water-tight pool. After this has thoroughly set make a mixture of 1 part cement and three of screened sand and apply a thin coat with trowel. As soon as this has hardened, apply a paint made of pure cement and water. After this hardens the pool may be filled with water; let stand a few days to soak out the alkali; drain off and sweep thoroughly when it dries and pool is ready for planting.

Culture of Water Lilies

The soil should be any good garden soil, mixed with one-third well rotted cow manure. If it is impossible to obtain **well rotted manure**, we recommend any good commercial fertilizer, using one pound for each 18 inches of pool. Spread mixture over floor of pool to depth of 10 inches, level off and cover with one inch of sand.

Planting

The Hardy lilies should be planted **Horizontally** and with the crown just out of the sand. Tropic lilies should be planted upright and at the same depth as before, being shipped as potted plants. Be very careful that leaves do not become dry before planting or Tropic lilies may not recover.

Lotus tubers should be planted horizontally, care being taken to not break the crown off. A space should be bricked off for Lotus as they will crowd other plants out if allowed to grow freely in pool.

In large pools, where it is desired to plant in boxes, the boxes should be 2x2 feet square, and 1 foot deep if possible, and made of **pine**, allowing one box for each lily. Caution—do not use redwood.

In wild planting, to fill the pool for the first time with water, it is a good plan to wet the soil first with a spray from the hose after the lilies are set, and then lay a burlap sack down and place the hose on this and fill the pool very slowly; this does not disturb the planting and you will have a nice clear pool.

A pool 4x6 feet will hold three or four lilies and several water plants. When lilies are received, great care should be taken to prevent their becoming dry before planting. Cover with wet burlap or paper.

Tropic lilies are shipped as 4-inch pot plants, and should not be planted in fresh water. Fill pool a few days before and allow water to become warm before planting Tropics.

If planning to plant Tropics in boxes, it is a good plan to place the boxes before filling the pool and when weather permits planting tropics, take a 4-inch pot and push down in soil, remove pot and place lily in the hole; that way you will not muddy your pool.

Planting of Hardys may begin in February. In mild climates Hardys may be planted almost the year round. Tropic lilies should not be planted until an average temperature of 70 degrees has been maintained. A safe date for planting is after June 1st.

Insect Enemies

Water lilies are practically free from pests. Aphis is about the only pest to be contended with, and may be kept off lilies by spraying off with hose, then the fish will eat them. The main thing is not let them get a start, but begin spraying at first sight of Aphis.

Muddy Pools

Plant plenty of oxygenizing plants, such as Anacharis, Parrots-feather, Vallisneria, and Sagittaria; all are good for the fish and help to keep the water clear. Large fish muddy a pool and will be a nuisance. Have plenty of snails and keep a slow drip in the pool and green scum will disappear.

Mosquitos

There will be no annoyance from mosquitos if you have a dozen fish to a six-foot pool. They keep out mosquito larva.

How We Ship Lilies

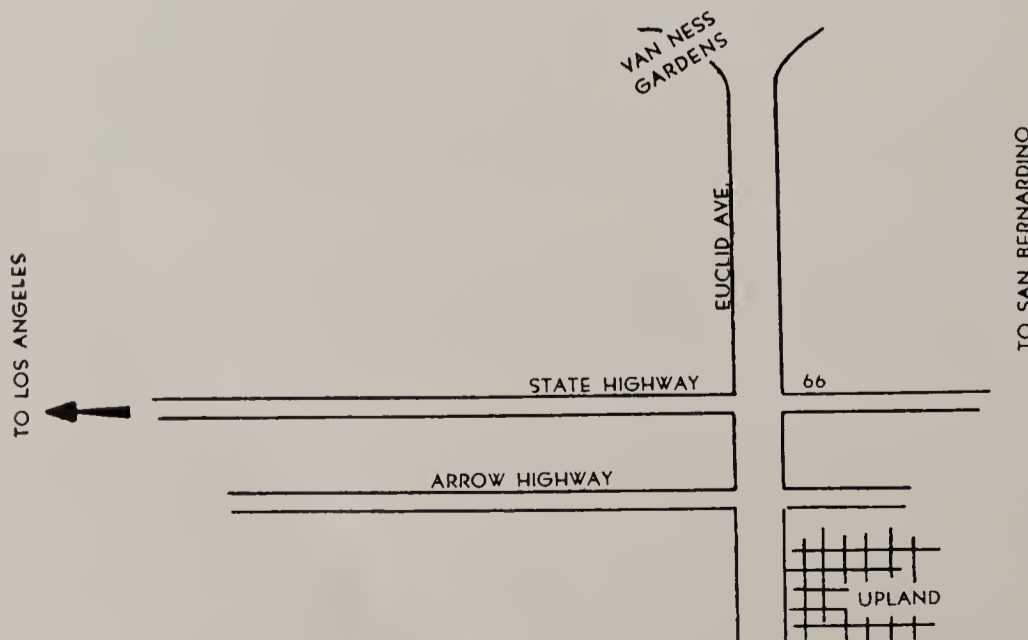
We ship Parcel Post, except on large orders, which are shipped by Express. We guarantee safe arrival of all plants shipped. We also guarantee our plants to be true to name, and to be delivered to you in good condition. All complaints should be made within ten days after plants are received. Our climate permits us to dig lilies for very early shipment, so we can ship at any date suited to your locality.

We grow our own plants and the ideal climate permits of a strong growth not attained in any other part of the United States. The many letters from our customers assuring us of this fact.

Our Terms

P. O. Order or Bank draft made payable to VAN NESS WATER GARDENS, R. D. 1, UPLAND, CALIF., must accompany each order. No orders sent C. O. D. unless 50 per cent of value of order is enclosed. All orders are shipped Postpaid.

OUR PRICES HAVE BEEN MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL CODE ADOPTED BY THE PACIFIC COAST WATER LILY GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.



HOW TO GET TO OUR GARDENS

Coming on National Highway No. 66, turn north on beautiful Euclid Ave. (double drive). Take west drive at 24th St. Follow drive past Community church. First stop. Visitors welcome. Closed Sundays.

Hardy Water Lilies

Water lilies are found growing wild in almost every country on the globe, in colors of red, blue, pink, yellow and white.

Hybridists have improved on these until now there are more than 150 varieties, including Tropics.

Hardy lilies are loved by everyone who grows them; making themselves at home wherever planted, whether in tub, half barrel, or pool. They are very easy to grow, requiring very little attention except to watch the water level and to break off dead leaves. They grow in a wonderful array of colors and shapes and are a source of constant joy to all who grow them. We have the choicest of the many varieties, at attractive prices.

White

MARLIAC ALBIDA. (Marliac white).

Large, dazzling white flowers with yellow stamens, and quite fragrant. The sepals are pink. The plant is of free growth, and blooms the whole season. The leaves are large, green above and deep pink on under-side.....\$1.00

Gladstone. A fine lily of beautiful form and robust growth. The flowers are of purest white, cup shaped, and very large. The leaves are inclined to stand above the water. A free bloomer.....\$1.50

Gonnere. The finest of all the white lilies. An enormous globe of snowy whiteness nestling among bright green pads. A very free flowering variety with small leaf spread, thus making it adaptable to the small pool. The blossoms average 80 petals and for beauty cannot be fully described.....\$2.50

Pink (Odorata)

Rose Arey. The blossoms a bright, cerise pink, having pointed petals with a noticeable curl that gives the so much desired, shaded effect. A very sweet-scented lily. The leaves have quite a reddish cast. Every blossom means a thrill.....\$1.50

Pink Opal. A deep, rich pink lily with buds almost round, that open into a flower that is cup-shaped and stands above the

water. Very sweet-scented, a good tub variety and good for cutting.....\$1.00

The Odorata lilies have very slender roots.

Other Pink Varieties

MARLIACEA CARNEA. Opening early in the morning, this lily is of beautiful size, the coloring a shell pink of exquisite delicateness. The long blooming season, its flowers of lasting quality, its beautiful leaves tinged with red make it one of the most popular lilies grown.....\$1.00

BOQUET FROM MINNESOTA

Stillwater, Minn.

Thanks for yours of the 19th. The stock arrived in the same mail which is quite prompt.

The stock looked so nice and came through so beautifully that we assure you that you will get more of our business in the future.

F. L. Seifert.

Somptuosa. This variety is exceedingly beautiful and attractive. The flowers are very large, double and fragrant. The outer petals are a light rose, deepening toward the center. Deep orange stamens complete the coloring of this excellent lily.....\$1.50

Masaniello.

The flowers of this variety are very fragrant. The plant is a free grower and needs plenty of room. The flowers are rose pink, dotted with carmine and the sepals are white,

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HARDY WATER LILY

Marliac Albida





CHROMATELLA

Marliac Yellow

making a striking contrast. You will not be disappointed in this lily.....\$1.25

Neptune. A free blooming variety. The lovely flowers velvety in appearance. Deep pink is the predominating color, the base of the petals being of a dark shade of pink, and the tips much lighter in shade. Garnet stamens make a beautiful contrast.....\$2.50

Red

ROBINSONII. This is an old favorite with water gardeners, and deserves a place in every pool. Flowers are a bright coppery red with orange stamens, making it a vivid color. It is a constant bloomer with beautiful, variegated foliage. You will make no mistake in choosing this variety.....\$1.50

Conqueror. One of the most beautiful lilies grown. The immense flowers are a deep crimson, shaded towards the ends of petals to a deep pink. Stamens are very long and bright yellow, making a strikingly beautiful contrast. This is a continuous bloomer during the entire season.....\$2.25

Escarboucle. The most brilliant of red water lilies. Bright, intense red, deepening into crimson, with garnet stamens. One of the hardiest lilies; also one of the best..\$2.50

Gloriosa. A correctly named lily. The flowers are above the average in size. Firey red in color. Will do splendidly in a tub, blooming freely, even in crowded quarters. Blooms soon after planting and continues over the entire summer. One plant will have many blossoms at one time.....\$2.25

Marliac Red. Flowers from four to five inches across, of a deep carmine red, with cardinal stamens. The leaves are of a rich bronze, changing with age to deep green with brown blotches.....\$2.00

James Bryden. In this lily we have a very fine hardy variety one of the freest in flower and growth. The flowers measure from five

to six inches across, the petals are broad, concave and incurving, giving the flower a fine cup shape. The color is a rich, rosy crimson, while the reverse of the petals has a silvery sheen. This variety will adapt itself to any sized pool.....\$2.00

Nymphaea Adreana. Produces flowers of a dark red color, shaded with yellow. The leaves are blotched with chestnut brown. The plant blooms freely and is a very desirable variety for small pools.....\$1.00

Nymphaea Laydeker. A small growing lily, producing flowers of a carmine, rose color, darker toward the center. The center petals are a bright rose color, and stamens orange-red. This lily blooms continuously the whole season, and is fine for tubs, or small pools.....\$1.45

Yellow

CHROMATELLA. (Marliac yellow). Bright yellow blossoms, with broad, curving petals. It blooms the entire season, producing an endless succession of large blooms. The leaves are handsomely splotted and the plant a vigorous grower.....\$1.25

Sunrise. This magnificent lily with its crepe-like blossoms is in a class by itself in the hardy lily family, having two characteristics no other one has. It stands well above the water on graceful slender stems, and the petals are crinkled like a Chrysanthemum. It is an excellent bloomer from early spring until frost comes, drawing exclamations from everyone who sees it.....\$2.50

Pygmaea Helvola. This lily has small, yellow flowers that float on the surface of the water. They are about two inches in diameter. The leaves are small, beautifully mottled with brown spots, the underside of a reddish green color. The plant flowers freely and is well adapted to tub culture.....\$.75

Sunset Colors

Comanche. The best of the sunset colors. Brilliant, orange red; the color deepens with age to a dark, warm red. The best bloomer of all the sunset colors; a sturdy growing variety, but will adapt itself to a small space. We have many blooms as late as Dec.....\$1.50

Paul Heriot. This lily is most pleasing as on the first day of opening the petals are a soft, yellowish pink, becoming darker each day, from orange pink to almost a deep red

on successive days. We consider it one of the choicest varieties and is adapted to tub culture.....\$1.25

Aurora. A very changeable colored lily, opening a rich yellow, deepening through orange-red to dark red as the flower ages. If you only have room for one lily you will be pleased with this as you may have as many as five shades at one time. Does not grow large, making it suitable for small pools.....\$1.00

Tropic Lilies

There is a splendor and majesty in Tropic lilies not found in any other flower. Their gorgeous blossoms stand well above the water, throwing off a perfume so sweet it penetrates the whole yard. The tropical splendor of the leaves and their immense flowers bring an air of superiority to the whole garden. Then they have the wonderful shades of blue and purple, found in no other lily. There is a great variety of them and they easily adapt themselves to either large or small pools. We have several of the finest varieties. We ship only after the weather in your locality has reached a temperature of 70 degrees.

Leaf Propagating Tropics

These lilies have the interesting habit of bearing small plants on the base of the leaves. They will often bloom freely when still attached to the old leaf. They are also a trifle more hardy than other Tropics, so can be planted somewhat earlier than some of the tender varieties. They are most interesting and ever-blooming.

August Koch. The fragrant blossoms are of a splendid size and deepest blue in color. It is a free bloomer and easily established, coming into flower early and blooming continuously. We recommend this lily for beginner as it thrives with little attention..\$2.00

Panama Pacific. One of the most popular day bloomers; flowers freely, we having as many as eight blooms on one plant at the same time. Flowers are a rich purple, the

yellow stamens making a striking contrast. Suitable to the tub garden as it will adapt itself to its environment. Illustrated on the front cover.....\$2.25

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. This is an interesting variety, the color being lavender blue, the flower seven to eight inches across, the stamens yellow, tipped with lavender. A continuous bloomer.....\$2.00

THRIVED BEAUTIFULLY

Fresno, Calif.

The water and aquatic plants purchased from you have been a great source of joy to me. They were all healthy plants upon their arrival, and have thrived beautifully.

No one, seeing the blossoms of the lovely Rose Arey would want to be without it. The Chromatella has been constantly in bloom, the Penna is surpassingly beautiful and fragrant, while the Stella Gurney has brought forth many comments because of its clear, orchid pink coloring and pleasing perfume.

Mrs. F. S. Whitson,
1118 Poplar St.



MRS. WHITSON'S ATTRACTIVE
POOL.

Star Lilies

AND HOW TO GROW THEM

These lilies are truly among the most satisfactory of them all. They seem to thrive wherever planted, and will often have ten or twelve blossoms at one time, and one can reasonably expect from 100 to 150 blossoms in a season. The blossoms are star shaped, growing ten or twelve inches above the water and when cut will last for days. They have a wonderful fragrance.

Star lilies are shipped as sprouted tubers, and in planting be sure to keep the sprouted end uppermost, covering with a half inch of soil. If planted early must be planted so it will be in at least 8 inches of water. Keep away from hardy lilies as they start earlier than Star lilies and will overshadow them and crowd them out.

To carry them over the winter, the tuber should be removed and stored in a box of damp sand, in a place where it will not freeze.

Blue Star. All the star lilies are very similar in appearance except in color. The blue lily is a vivid blue and a free bloomer...\$1.50

Red Star. A rosy red and the nearest approach to deep red among the day blooming Tropicals. The color becomes more brilliant in late summer. This lily is an exceptionally free bloomer.....\$2.00

Pink Star. Satiny, silver pink blossoms, intensely fragrant. It is one of our very best bloomers.....\$1.50

double. They open very early in the morning and stay open until late in the evening. The color is a deep orchid pink, with pink stamens. Very fragrant.....\$2.50

William Stone. This is a particularly attractive violet blue lily. The blossoms are star shaped and the stamens yellow at the base, tipped with blue. Opens early and is a good lily for cutting.....\$1.50

More Splendid Tropics

Many satisfied customers testify to the splendid quality of our Tropic lilies, which we have shipped to points as far east as Florida, arriving in good condition and blooming in a short time.

Purple Zanzabar. This is the true royal purple waterlily of Africa and is one of the best dark blue lilies in cultivation. The surface of the leaves is dark green and they are very large. The flower measures from 5 to 8 inches across. The petals are deep blue, stamens very numerous, dark crimson violet, flowers very fragrant.....\$2.00

Zanzabar Rosea. A lily very similar in type to purple Zanzabar, differing only in color. This lily differs in color, some plants giving from light to deep rose colored blossoms\$1.50

Mrs. C. H. Ward. Deep pink flowers are borne on stout stems a foot above the water and are very fragrant. The deep green leaves are beautifully scalloped. A splendid lily for cutting\$1.50

Stella Gurney. Soft orchid pink blossoms with long pointed petals and yellow stamens. Intensely fragrant and opens early in the morning, staying open all day. A very free bloomer with light green pads, ruffled at the edges\$1.50

General Pershing. This lily is undoubtedly the finest of the pink day-blooming tropics. The flowers are 8 inches across and are very



PINK STAR

Gracilis Azurea. A beautiful star shaped lily, rising above the water twelve to fifteen inches. It flowers profusely during the entire season\$1.50

Ovaliflora. Flowers are medium to large, on long stems carried well above the water. Of a creamy white color, the base of the petals is light blue, deepening toward the tip to a deeper blue. A sweet scented, free flowering variety.....\$1.50

Mrs. Geo. H. Pring. Immense, snow white flowers, opening early and staying open late in the afternoon. Blooms until frost comes. When given room makes a wonderful growth. However, it adapts itself to a small space and blooms continuously.....\$1.50

Henry Shaw. A very popular, large blue lily, being of the Campanula shade of blue. Is an exact counterpart of Gen. Pershing in shape. A very free bloomer, even small plants having five or six open flowers.....\$2.00

Mrs. Edwards Whitaker. This lily is the largest of the day flowering class. The flowers are lavender blue on first opening, getting paler as the flower ages, closing almost pure white. The flowers often measure 12 inches across and last several days. The leaves are almost round, beautifully streaked or mottled with dark red. One of the remarkable features of this lily is that it is open all day\$2.50

Blue Beauty. The color of this lily seems to reflect the blue of the sky, with stamens of gold, tipped with blue. The flowers are larger than many of the Tropics and bloom continuously during the entire summer..\$2.15

Pennsylvania. A magnificent variety with rich blue flowers that are ten to twelve inches across. The buds are speckled with maroon, the stamens are tipped with blue, the cup yellow, making a striking combination. The flowers have a spicy perfume, the plant is a vigorous and free flowering one.....\$2.25

Blue Triumph. This is all the name implies, its huge blue flowers often reach the enormous size of a foot across. Commencing early in June and continuing until late fall,



WATER HYACINTH

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it will often have three and four open flowers at the same time. Thrives in either large or small pools. Everyone should have this lily\$2.25

Tropical Night Bloomers

These fascinating lilies from India are, during the morning hours, the most beautiful flower in the garden, and often stay open until noon. The flowers are larger than the average, often 10 to 12 inches. Some varieties opening flat, some cup shaped. The flowers begin to unfold early in the evening and are especially satisfactory for the working man or woman, who would not see the open blossom of a day blooming lily. They bloom quite freely in the small water garden. Shipping time, same as Day blooming Tropics.

These very useful plants help to keep the pool in natural balance, supplying oxygen to the water. Where fish are kept they give a perfect balance so the water rarely needs changing. A few bunches among the lilies are indispensable for the health of the fish.

George Huster. A brilliant red flowered variety, very large blossoms. The leaves are bronzy red, crimped at the margins. A strong, free bloomer, one that is sure to please..\$1.50

O'Marana. Rosy, pink flowers of largest size, each petal having a distinct white stripe, the effect being intensified by orange-red stamens. A very free bloomer. The flowers often measure 10 inches across.....\$1.50

Juno. Immense, pure white blossoms, opening very wide. Central disc solid mass of yellow stamens. A very free bloomer with glossy green leaves, finely toothed at the edges\$1.50

Dentata. Has a beautiful white flower, measuring from 8 to 12 inches across. Has yellow stamens, with brownish spots near the base. The leaves are dark green, deeply dentate. Free bloomer.....\$1.50

The size of the blossoms of tropic lilies depends on the soil and fertilizer.

If the flowers get small towards the end of the season take squares of soft paper (toilet paper is good), put one tablespoon of blood meal in square, push well down into soil near plant; after placing, tear paper open. Allow four or five to a lily.

Tropic Bulbs

All of our Tropic lilies are easily grown from bulbs, or tubers. For anyone, this is a sure and easy way to have them, for they are sure to sprout and begin to bloom before you realize it.

Our tubers are well cured and sprouted when shipped and when received should be put in a small pot and placed in a deep can of water. Place in a sunny window and shade the water by placing a cloth frame a foot or so above the water. Remove the shade after a few leaves have appeared and after several leaves have appeared plant may be placed in large, permanent box.

The tubers should not be planted out until weather has become permanently warm for the summer, but should you wish to order them with hardy lilies, may be kept in damp sand until early in June.

We can furnish tubers of any of our Tropic lilies except Blue Triumph, General Pershing, Henry Shaw, and Dentata (night bloomer) at same price as a potted plant.



ONE OF OUR POOLS OF TROPICS

No Pool Is Complete Without Some of These Plants

Sagittaria latiflora. The leaves are broad, with long, basal lobes. The flowers are pure white, about an inch in diameter. It grows luxuriantly in shallow water.....25c

Sagittaria Sinensis. Similar in habit of growth to *S. Pusilla* but larger in every way, growing more freely; a splendid plant for the aquarium.....2 for 25c

Water Plantain (Alisma Plantago). Almond shaped leaves of bright green, borne about three feet above the water. Beautiful clusters of white flowers resembling baby's breath25c

Japanese Arrowhead. A shallow water plant suitable for the corner of your pool, or for centerpiece, planting in box and raising to within a few inches of the surface. Has

graceful arrow shaped leaves and white blossoms with yellow center.....25c

Double Arrowhead. A choice plant similar to Japanese Arrow except the flowers are tall spikes of snow white pompons. A gem in your pool.....35c

Azure Pickerel plant. This attractive plant grows from two to six feet tall, each heart-shaped leaf having a spike of Delphinium blue flowers coming from the base. The buds are covered with a silvery sheen. A very fine blooming plant throughout entire season..50c

Pickerel rush. Spikes of deep blue flowers, borne in the center of heart-shaped leaves. A continuous bloomer, growing about two feet high and thriving in shallow water. You will like this plant.....15c



WATER LILIES

Yellow Iris. One of the necessary plants for the pool, the foliage making an artistic touch, either to the center or a corner. Has tall spikes of yellow blossoms. Thrives in water up to 12 inches deep and will grow in moist soil.....25c

Purple Iris. Similar to above except in color25c

Thalia Dealbata (Water Canna). A tall, graceful plant with leaves similar to a Canna, leaves maroon at the base. Flowers on tall, arching stems, purple, with silvery dust. Very attractive as a centerpiece for the pool....50c

Zebra grass. A very attractive plant, with tall, quill-like stems; banded alternately with green and white.....25c

Primrose willow. A beautiful, tall plant, with flowers like a primrose and leaves like a willow. Plant in shallow water and you will soon have a mass of yellow blossoms..25c

Papyrus. The stalks are triangular and attain a height of from five to eight feet, hav-

ing a tuft of thread-like leaves a foot in diameter. It does equally as well either in two inches of water or as a marginal plant, making a good background for pools. Needs rich soil.....25c

Water Arum. A hardy aquatic with leaves shaped like a Calla lily and pale green blossoms.....25c

Umbrella Palm. A beautiful plant, growing about two feet tall; has slender stems with tuft of slender leaves spreading out umbrella-shaped. Does well either in shallow water or in moist ground.....20c

Imperial Taro. The finest of the Japanese Taros. The leaves are almost velvety black, and grow very large. They do best in two inches of water, making an excellent centerpiece in the pool, or make a satisfactory house plant when potted and set in jardiniere of water.....75c

Water forget-me-not. A delicate flowering plant, soft blue with yellow eye. Blooms all spring and summer. Bog plant, doing better if only in water up to crown of plant—15c; 2 for 25c

Water Plants

Water chestnut. A hardy plant resembling water fern, with mottled red leaves. The large seeds are spiked and armoured and fall to the bottom of the pool when ripe. These are edible.....35c

Floating heart. Has bright yellow, fringed flowers of medium size with leaves similar to a Pigmy lily. Will do well in either deep or shallow water25c

Water poppy. An old favorite with blossoms like a California poppy. Each plant throws out runners, bearing blossoms all summer10c

Water buttercup. A trailing plant with blossoms like a buttercup. Very attractive. 3 for 25c

Water Hawthorne. Snowy white flowers with the fragrance of the English Hawthorne. The flower is antler shaped and each antler is flecked with black. The leaves are oblong

and float on the water. In the south and in California it blooms all winter.....50c

Water snowflake. A dainty little plant with floating leaf. The five-petaled blossom is well named as each petal looks like a snowflake25c

Water Hyacinth. Flowers a delicate orchid, in trusses like a Hyacinth. Does best in par-

tial shade, or bound together and anchored in corner of the pool. Splendid for fish to spawn on.....3 for 25c

Azure Hyacinth. A trailing variety. Flowers a rich blue with yellow eye. A rank grower and makes a great showing soon after planting. Requires rich soil and does well among the lilies.....35c

Sacred Lotus

The beautiful and stately Lotus is perhaps one of the most interesting plants in the water garden. Breathing the spirit of the Orient, this strange plant has been held in reverence and awe for centuries. It is hard to describe this beautiful plant with its mammoth green leaves rising from one to four feet above the surface of the water, its wonderful flowers with its strange seed pods, all combining to make them a source of pleasure to the grower.

The bulb looks like a peeled banana and the crown is at the long end of the bulb. The crown should be placed up, with the bulb lying horizontally. Great care should be taken not to break off the crown, as that renders the bulb worthless. The second year you will find the Lotus more beautiful than the first, so do not be discouraged with the first year's growth and bloom. Cannot be shipped after June 1st.

Nelumbium Speciosum (pink). An excellent variety, very hardy and free growing. This is the true flower of the Egyptians, and possesses a strange haunting fragrance. Tubers\$1.50



SACRED LOTUS

Nelumbium Flavens. A newcomer that has pleasing cream-colored flowers. Is very free blooming. Tubers.....\$1.50

Plants for Your Fish

These very useful plants help to keep the pool in natural balance, supplying oxygen to the water. Where fish are kept they give a perfect balance so the water rarely needs changing. A few bunches among the lilies are indispensable for the health of the fish.

Vallisneria (Eel grass). Long, ribbon-like leaves that come to the surface in two feet of water. Pretty in the Aquaria....Bunch 10c

Anacharis (giant). The most used for the aquarium. Graceful long stems with whorls of deep green leaves. Dainty, white blossoms. Very good for pools, keeping water clear, and necessary for health of fish....Bunch 10c

Myriophyllum. A pretty aquatic with fine, hair-like leaves. Good for the pool and fish like it for spawning on.....Bunch 10c

Parrot feather. Is a favorite aquatic plant for the aquarium and for fountain basins. A beautiful plant, having light green feathery leaves. It is an excellent plant for the aquarium, where it should be planted in a pot of soil. Can also be used in water-tight hanging baskets.....Bunch 10c

Ludwigia. This is one of the important aquarium plants on account of its decorative

value and pronounced individuality. When kept in a strong light the under sides of the leaves become a beautiful red.....Bunch 10c

Duckweed. The smallest floating water plant. Fish like it. Also a good oxygenator. Portion 10c

Utricularia (bladderwort). Has the form of the finely divided leaves of the Myriophyllum, but may be identified by the small bladders dotted throughout. They thrive in the aquarium if given plenty of light....Bunch 10c

Marginal Plants

Fountain grass. Narrow, graceful blades. Grows in clumps to height of two feet. Feathery plumes shaded with red. One of the finest poolside plants.....25c

Torch lily (Tritoma). Tall spikes of brilliant red flowers. One of the showiest in this group25c

Day lily. Bright yellow lily, blooming in the spring. Foliage green year the round..25c

Star of Bethlehem. Low growing plant with stiff green foliage. Snow white star shaped flowers, very attractive.....6 bulbs for 25c

Ribbon grass. A low growing grass with pretty, striped leaves in green and white. Makes a good showing in clumps at edge of pool. You will like this grass.....15c

Campanula Tupineta. Dwarf variety, shiny green leaves, bright blue blossoms. One of the choicest Campanulas.....15c

Iris

Iris is especially good for the pool side, seeming to belong there and when not in bloom the foliage is very attractive. We have several of the most beautiful varieties, among them the following are listed.

Kochi. Deep, rich purple, the buds being nearly black. Blooms very early and sometimes blooming second time.....10c; 3 for 25c

Knysna. Deep, bronzy standards, and reddish brown balls.....25c

Caterina. A superb variety, growing three feet tall. Flowers a pale lavender blue. Splendid for tall planting.....25c



FOUNTAIN GRASS

(See page 12)

Fish

We have a good assortment of healthy goldfish that may be purchased at our gardens at very reasonable prices. However, we do not ship fish.

Fish Food

We have a properly balanced fish food, our own manufacture, that has all the ingredients necessary for keeping your fish in good health. This should be fed only twice a week, as most of the ills of fish are caused by over-feeding.

Fish food.....1/2-lb. 50c; lb. 80c

Baby fish food. Especially prepared for tiny fish.....2 oz. 15c



SNOWFLAKE

(See page 12)

Scavengers for the Pool

Water snails are necessary for the pool, as they feed on the decayed vegetation, and clean up the green Algae that forms on the walls. A few pair will soon stock up your pool.

Japanese Trap-door snails. The largest and hardiest of all snails. Very satisfactory. Pair 25c

Ramshorn snails. A long lived water snail. Pair 10c

African Paper shell. A prolific, pretty spotted snail. (Hard to ship.).....Pair 10c

Taking Care of Fish

Never place fish in fresh water from faucet. In changing and cleaning fish bowl, pour all the water you can from bowl into dish; remove fish from bowl into this water.

After cleaning bowl, return this water with fish to bowl and add a little fresh water each day. Do not change more than once a week. The bowl will be kept clean by always having some water grasses and a pair of snails. Do not crowd fish in a bowl. A good way is to figure one gallon of water for each inch of fish, not counting tails.

Water Lily Collections

We have selected some of our finest varieties of Water lilies and plants and grouped them for your convenience. These are of our very best quality and all named and labeled when shipped.

For your convenience, a pool 4x6 feet will accomodate three or four lilies and several water plants, such as Papyrus, Canna, Snowflake, Poppy, Hyacinth and Hawthorne.

Collection No. 1

OUR FAVORITE, moderate priced collection giving four distinct colors.

MARLIAC CARNEA (pink).

PAUL HARIOT (sunset).

CHROMATELLA (yellow).

ROBINSONI (red).

Postpaid..... \$3.75

Collection No. 2

PAUL HARIOT (sunset).

CHROMATELLA (yellow).

GLADSTONE (white).

Postpaid..... \$3.00

Collection No. 3

GLORIOSA (bright red).

MASANIELLA (pink).

CHROMATELLA (yellow).

Postpaid..... \$3.50

Collection No. 4

AUGUST KOCH (violet blue).

STELLA GURNEY (orchid pink).

Postpaid..... \$3.00

Collection No. 5

GONNERE (dazzling white).

ESCARBOUCLE (red).

SUNRISE (huge yellow).

Postpaid..... \$5.65

Collection No. 6

Three of the most popular lilies. A group for those who like the best.

JAMES BRYDEN (red).

COMANCHE (sunset).

SUMPTUOSA (pink).

Postpaid..... \$3.50

Collection No. 7

A pool of red, white and blue. A patriotic collection. Unexcelled in beauty and freedom of bloom.

GLORIOSA (red).

GONNERE (white).

WM. STONE (blue).

Postpaid..... \$4.50

Collection No. 8

MARLIAC PINK.

MARLIAC YELLOW.

AURORA (sunset).

Postpaid..... \$2.50

Collection No. 9

These lilies are for those who prefer the warm, red shades. A wonderful value.

PAUL HARIOT (sunset).

ROBINSONI (coppery red).

CONQUEROR (crimson).

Postpaid..... \$3.75



AZURE PICKEREL PLANT

(See page 11)

Collection No. 10

MARLIAC ALBIDA (white).

CHROMATELLA (yellow).

Postpaid..... \$1.75

Collection No. 11

This collection is adapted to the medium sized pool, and has many splendid plants besides the four especially fine lilies.

SUMPTUOSA (pink).

COMANCHE (sunset).

ESCARBOUCLE (red).

CHROMATELLA (yellow).

EGYPTIAN PAPYRUS.

PICKEREL PLANT.

WATER SNOWFLAKE.

WATER POPPY.

WATER HAWTHORNE.

WATER HYACINTH.

ZEBRA GRASS.

GIANT ARROWHEAD.

WATER IRIS (yellow and purple).

UMBRELLA PALM.

Postpaid..... \$6.90

Collection No. 12

This collection is also adapted to the medium sized pool, and includes all of the plants you will need for both pool and background.

GONNERE (white).
COMANCHE (sunset).
ESCARBOUCLE (red).
CHROMATELLA (yellow).
SUMPTUOSA (pink).

Plants for Centerpiece:

THALIA DEALBATA.
PAPYRUS.

Plants for Corners:

WATER IRIS (purple and yellow).
DOUBLE ARROW.
UMBRELLA PALM.
ZEBRA GRASS.
PICKEREL PLANT.
PRIMROSE WILLOW.
FORGET-ME-NOT.
OXYGENATORS.
WATER HYACINTH.

Border Plants:

TORCH LILY.
FOUNTAIN GRASS.
RIBBON GRASS.

Postpaid..... \$9.60

Collection No. 13

This collection is adapted to the larger size pool of approximately 10x15 feet. It includes eight of our best water lilies and a wonderful collection of aquatics. The hardy lilies and aquatics will be shipped as early as is advisable to your locality. The tropics about June 5.

SUNRISE (giant yellow).
GONNERE (dazzling white).
COMANCHE (sunset)
CONQUEROR (variegated red).
ESCARBOUCLE (brilliant red).
SUMPTUOSA (beautiful pink).
PENNSYLVANIA (large blue).
MRS. G. H. PRING (huge white).

Plants for Centerpiece, Corners and Margin, together with grasses for fish:

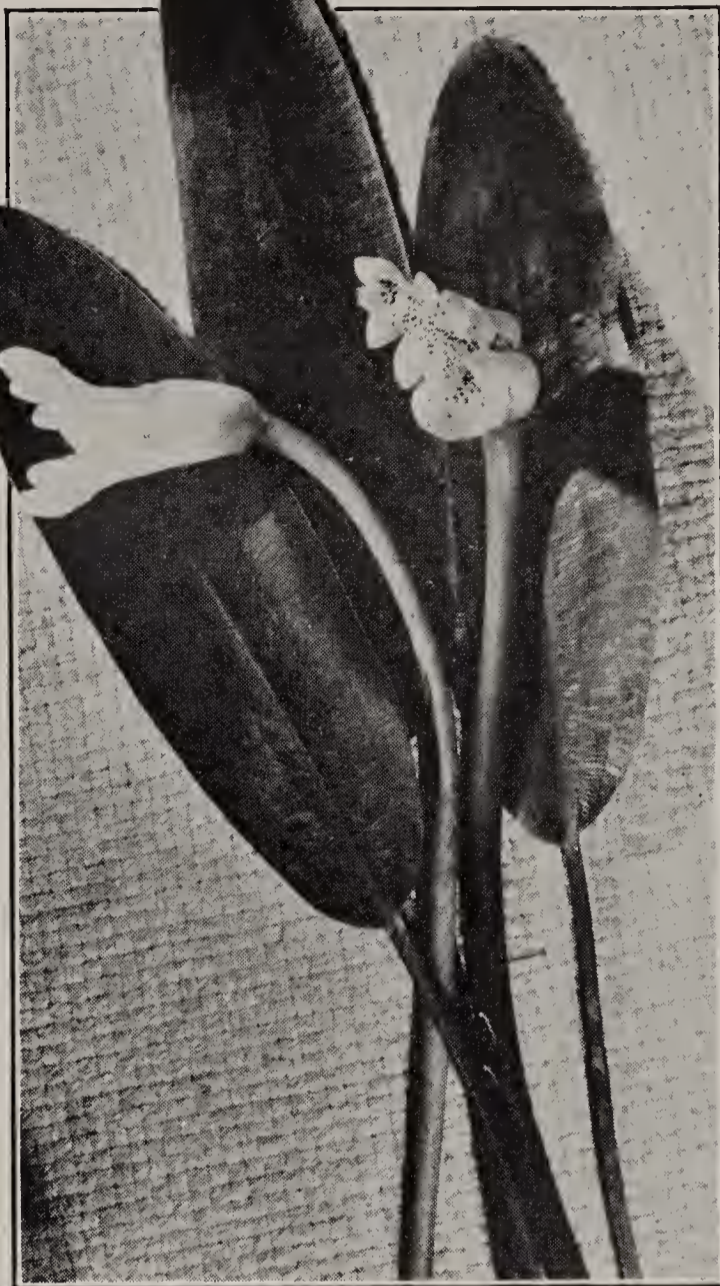
WATER IRIS (yellow and purple).
THALIA DEALBATA.
PAPYRUS.
DOUBLE ARROWHEAD.
UMBRELLA PALM.
IMPERIAL TARO.
WATER ARUM.
FLOATING HEART.
WATER HAWTHORNE.
SNOWFLAKE.
WATER POPPY.
HYACINTH.
ANACHARIS.

VALLISNERIA.
 Poolside Plants:

FOUNTAIN GRASS.
RIBBON GRASS.
TORCH LILY.
 Postpaid..... \$16.50

Collection No. 14

Night blooming trio.
JUNO (immense white).
O'MARANA (pink).
HUSTER (red).
 Postpaid..... \$3.50



HAWTHORNE

(See page 11)

Collection No. 15

This collection contains the Sacred Lotus and cannot be shipped after June 1st. The Lotus should be planted separately, care being taken not to break off the sprout as that renders it worthless.

SACRED LOTUS.
CONQUEROR LILY.
COMANCHE (sunset).
PAPYRUS.
AZURE HYACINTH.
WATER HAWTHORNE.
IRIS (purple and yellow).
ANACHARIS.
PARROT FEATHER.
 Postpaid..... \$5.25

Collection No. 16

ROSE AREY (cerise).
CONQUEROR (variegated red).
WM. STONE (blue tropic).
 Postpaid..... \$4.00

Collection No. 17

This collection fits a medium sized pool and is made up of the finest Aquatics.

COMANCHE (sunset).
SUNRISE (giant yellow).

ROSE AREY (cerise pink).
 CONQUEROR (variegated red).
 PENNSYLVANIA (huge blue).
 PAPYRUS IRIS (purple).
 ZEBRA GRASS.
 DOUBLE ARROWHEAD.
 PRIMROSE WILLOW.
 WATER HYACINTH.
 ANACHARIS.
 WATER POPPY.
 Postpaid.....

\$8.75

Collection No. 18

This group is suitable for the small pool and gives in addition to two of our choice lilies a well balanced assortment of aquatics.

CONQUEROR (variegated red).
 CHROMATELLA (yellow).
 THALIA DEALBATA (good center).
 DOUBLE ARROWHEAD.
 WATER POPPY.
 PAPYRUS (plumy heads).
 FLOATING HEART.
 WATER HYACINTH (lavender).
 ANACHARIS.
 Postpaid.....

\$4.00

Collection No. 19

ROBINSONI (coppery red).
 CARNEA (shell pink).
 PAUL HARIOT (sunset).
 DOUBLE ARROWHEAD.
 YELLOW IRIS.
 PAPYRUS.
 ZEBRA GRASS.
 PRIMROSE WILLOW.
 WATER POPPY.
 WATER HYACINTH.
 FISH GRASSES.
 Postpaid.....

\$4.50

Collection No. 20

A splendid collection for the large pool. Notice the vivid colors and choice varieties. This is for lilies only. By adding \$1.00 we will supply the aquatics to complete the pool.

ROBINSONII (coppery red).
 CARNEA (shell pink).
 CHROMATELLA (bright yellow).
 PAUL HARIOT (sunset).
 WILLIAM STONE (bright blue).
 Postpaid.....

\$5.00

Collection No. 21

A tropical collection of day and night bloomers. Each lily a gem.

GEORGE HUSTER (red night bloomer).
 STELLA GURNEY (orchid pink).
 PANAMA PACIFIC (deep violet).
 Postpaid.....

\$3.50

Collection No. 22

Delicacy of color is one of the points of excellence in this trio of lilies.

CHROMATELLA (bright yellow).
 CARNEA (shell pink).
 WM. STONE (blue Tropic).
 Postpaid.....

\$3.00

Collection No. 23

Twenty-four hours of bloom are to be experienced in this collection of beauty.

CHROMATELLA (yellow, hardy).
 WM. STONE (blue Tropic).
 GEO. HUSTER (night bloomer).
 Postpaid.....

\$3.25



WATER POPPY
 (See page 11)

Collection No. 24

A truly marvelous collection of beauty. The finest seven.

ESCARBOUCLE (large red).
 COMANCHE (best sunset).
 CARNEA (shell pink).
 CHROMATELLA (yellow).
 JUNO (white night bloomer).
 PENNSYLVANIA (huge blue Tropic).
 PERSHING (best pink Tropic).
 Postpaid.....

\$9.50

Collection No. 25

If your pool will accommodate 4 lilies, don't look any farther.

COMANCHE (sunset, hardy).
 JUNO (white, night bloomer).
 WM. STONE (deep blue Tropic).
 GLORIOSA (red, hardy).
 Postpaid.....

\$5.25

Collection No. 26

These lilies will make a gorgeous display in your garden.

- CARNEA (shell pink).
 - CONQUEROR (variegated red).
 - PAUL HARIOT (sunset).
 - CHROMATELLA (bright yellow).
 - WHITAKER (light blue).
 - Postpaid.....
- \$6.00

Collection No. 27

Here are three of our best day bloomers. We heartily recommend this collection.

- MRS. WARD (deep rose pink).
 - MRS. PRING (immense white).
 - AUGUST KOCH (rich blue).
 - Postpaid.....
- \$4.50

Collection No. 28

- Another 24 hours of bloom.
- GEORGE HUSTER (red night bloomer).
 - WILLIAM STONE (deep blue).
 - STELLA GURNEY (orchid pink).
 - Postpaid.....
- \$3.50

To any of these collections not having aquatics listed, we will add six of our best bog plants for the additional sum of.....

\$1.00

If none of these collections are satisfactory, you may make your own selections, from any part of our Catalogue, providing said collection amounts to at least \$4.50. Deduct 25 per cent and mail us your order, which will be sent postpaid.

Every pool should have a good supply of snails to help keep it clean. We will add four pair of assorted snails to your order for the additional sum of 50c.

Succulent Plants

This class of plants is well adapted to the Rock Garden, as they require less care than any other plant. They grow in full sun, in well drained soil. There is unlimited variety in their foliage, both as to texture and color. Some form thick rosettes, others are of mossy, creeping habit and are good ground covers. We have some very choice varieties listed below.

Sedums

- S. Adolphae. The entire plant is golden yellow. This should be in every rock garden15c
- S. Crestato. A bushy variety, growing about 12 inches high and the whole bush is crested, spreading out like a fan.....15c
- S. Stahli. The whole plant, of vining variety, resembling red beads. Yellow flowers in the spring.....15c
- S. Altissium. Greyish green, mossy appearing. White blossoms 12 inches tall in the summer. A good ground cover.....15c
- S. Album. Thick, waxy leaves, dark green. Four to six inches high, of spreading habit. White flowers15c
- S. Pachyphyllum. Leaves very fleshy, green with red tips.....15c
- S. Praealtum. A large, shrubby species with showy yellow flowers in the spring....20c

We can furnish cuttings of all the above varieties except the Adolphae at 10c per cutting.

Sempervivum

- Sempervivum Cooperii. Bushy growing, each branchlet a rosette of red margined leaves25c
- S. Calcareum. Forms compact little groups. Leaves tipped with dark red.....15c
- S. Tectorum. Very double rosettes. Dark green leaves15c
- S. Setosum. Twelve inches tall. Deep green foliage.....25c

- S. Arboreum purpureum. Grows two feet tall. Leaves rich purple.....25c
- S. Tabulaeforme. Leaves bright green. Very dense, flat rosettes of large diameter. Twelve inches high.....50c

Echeveria

- E. Funki. Leaves undulate, grey, green. Very handsome.....25c
- E. Elegans. The whole plant silvery. One of the most beautiful succulents.....50c
- E. Lingetolii. Leaves tinged with red. Splendid bloomer.....25c
- E. Scaphiphylla. Close green rosettes. Quite rare.....40c
- E. Winbergii. Leaves fleshy, pinkish white. One of best succulents for house plant....25c
- Hen and chickens. Large, blue-green rosettes, with tall stems of white flowers.....10c

Crassulas

- C. Tetragona. Thick, glossy foliage. Forms a small bush; leaves set with great regularity of four, along the entire stem.....20c
- C. Naneonesis. Thick, spotted leaves. Red flowers25c
- C. Impressa. A very showy, small species with sharp, pointed leaves and very showy, dark red flowers.....25c
- C. Perfosa. Heart shaped leaves strung like as string of beads.....25c

C. Cardiflora. A low growing bushy variety. Leaves shaded with red. Small red flowers25c

C. Pseudolycopodiodes. Leaves minute, closely pressed to the stem. A good ground cover15c

Mesembryanthemum

M. Echinatum. Long, cylindrical leaves, dainty yellow blossoms. Dwarf bush, covered with minute, glistening dots.....15c

M. Deltaides. Thick green leaves. Yellow blossoms resembling a dandelion.....20c

M. Bombordo. Low growing, dense, dark green leaves20c

M. Conmaum. Thick, triangle shaped leaves20c

Gasteria

Gasteria. Broad, blunt leaves, spotted with light green, arranged like a fan.

Small plants 25c

G. Verigasa. Handsome tongue shaped leaves. Marbled with white. Tall spikes of dainty flowers.....Small plants 25c

Euphorbia

E. Tirucali. A large bush, with branches resembling a pencil. Devoid of leaves.....25c

E. Ceriformis. Creased with red. Spikes beautiful50c

E. Caput Medusa. Cactus like arms reaching out from central stalk.....50c

Klinea

K. Articulata. Candle plant. Stems very thick, grey, green. Leaves at upper end of stem when well watered.....25c

K. Radicans. Trailing plant with tapering leaves and yellow flowers.....25c

Aloes

A. Nobilis. Thick, green leaves, forms large groups.....25c

A. Saponaria. The leaves are banded, white and green.....25c

A. Bedinghausii. Leaves beautifully spotted with white.....25c

A. Mitraeformis. A handsome plant covered with blunt prickles.....25c

A. Partridge breast. A well known and greatly admired variety. Green and white mottled leaves. Bright red flowers.....35c

A. Tree. Grows in large clumps. Flowers brilliant red blooming at Christmas time..35c

A. Eru. Rare. Long, green leaves tinged with red. Edges fine, red teeth.....50c

A. Ciliaris. The climbing Aloe. Reaches a height of 10 feet. Flowers bright scarlet..50c

Miscellaneous Succulents

Kalanchoe Kwensis. Shrubby, large leafed plant. Very ornamental foliage.....25c

Cotyledon. Broad, silvery leaves distinctly edged with red. Great clusters of orange-red flowers, silvery powdered.....25c

Portulacaria. Afra. A fine rock plant with red stems and small round leaves, arranged like the foliage of Maiden-hair fern. Sometimes called Elephant bush.....25c

Stapalia. Star-fish flower. Startling star-shaped flowers, dark yellow, spotted with brown. A South African plant easily grown and fine for window.....20c

Billbergia. A lily-like plant in shape, leaves long and drooping. Flowers multi-colored and strikingly beautiful.....35c

Sanceveria Laurentii. Tall, mottled leaves, edged with yellow. One of the especially good plants for the house, as it needs little attention and is very attractive..25c to \$1.50



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